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# H. R. 2447

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include in the calculation of Medicare+Choice payment rates under the Medicare program the costs attributable to medical services furnished to medicare-eligible beneficiaries by medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 1999

Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself, Ms. DUNN, Mr. INSLEE, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. STARK, Mr. DICKS, and Mr. SMITH of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 SECTION 1. INCLUSION OF COSTS OF VA AND DOD MILI-  
2 TARY FACILITY SERVICES TO MEDICARE-ELI-  
3 GIBLE BENEFICIARIES IN CALCULATION OF  
4 MEDICARE+CHOICE PAYMENT RATES

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1853(c)(3) of the Social  
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-23(c)(3)) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subpara-  
8 graph (B)” and inserting “subparagraphs (B) and  
9 (E)”, and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
11 paragraph:

12 “(E) INCLUSION OF COSTS OF VA AND  
13 DOD MILITARY FACILITY SERVICES TO MEDI-  
14 CARE-ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES.—In deter-  
15 mining the area-specific Medicare+Choice capi-  
16 tation rate under subparagraph (A) for a year,  
17 the annual per capita rate of payment for 1997  
18 determined under section 1876(a)(1)(C) shall  
19 be adjusted to include in the rate the Sec-  
20 retary’s estimate, on a per capita basis, of the  
21 amount of additional payments that would have  
22 been made in the area involved under this title  
23 if individuals entitled to benefits under this title  
24 had not received services from facilities of the  
25 Department of Veterans Affairs or the Depart-  
26 ment of Defense.”.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 subsection (a) apply with respect to Medicare+Choice  
3 capitation rates calculated for contract years beginning on  
4 or after the date that is one year after the date of the  
5 enactment of this Act.

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